

# 1999 Poultry Summary

## CHICKENS

The total number of chickens on hand December 1, 1999 (excluding broilers), was 2.17 million head, 17 percent above the 1998 inventory of 1.86 million head. The value per head at \$5.30 was down \$0.10 from the value for 1998. Total inventory value was \$11.50 million, 15 percent above the total inventory value for 1998. Value of sales of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) was \$938,000, up from \$652,000 in 1998.

## EGGS

Egg production in West Virginia during the production year (December 1, 1998 - November 30, 1999) totaled 237 million eggs. This was 2 percent below the 1998 production. Layer numbers during 1998 averaged 1.10 million, down 4 percent from the number of layers in 1998. The average annual production per layer was 216 eggs, up 6 eggs from 1998. The average price per dozen was 127 cents, up 2 cents from 1998. The total value of production was \$25.1 million, down slightly from the 1998 value.

## BROILERS

There were 89.5 million broilers produced in West Virginia during 1999, down slightly from 1998. Total pounds produced was 358.0 million pounds, down slightly from the 358.4 million pounds in 1998. Value of production totaled \$132.5 million, down 8 percent from 1998. The average live weight equivalent price of 37.0 cents per pound was down 3.0 cents from 1998.

## TURKEYS

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 4.5 million, up 5 percent from 1998. Total pounds produced was 95.4 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1998. Value of production totaled \$41.0 million, up 19 percent from the \$34.4 million in 1998. The average live weight equivalent price was 43.0 cents per pound, up 4.0 cents from 1998.

## VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND SALES

The combined value of production from eggs, broilers and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 1999 was \$199.5 million, down 2 percent from the \$203.5 million in 1998.

## EGGS: Production, Disposition and Income, 1990-1999

Year	Layers <sup>1/</sup>	Eggs Produced Per Layer <sup>2/</sup>	Total Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	(000) Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Cents	(000) Dollars
1990	571	219	125	104.0	10,833
1991	774	219	170	109.0	15,442
1992	721	215	155	104.0	13,433
1993	974	219	213	110.0	19,525
1994	1,107	226	250	115.0	23,958
1995	1,100	217	239	118.0	23,502
1996	1,046	217	227	119.0	22,511
1997	1,081	227	245	121.0	24,704
1998	1,147	210	241	125.0	25,104
1999	1,099	216	237	127.0	25,093

<sup>1/</sup> Average number during the year. <sup>2/</sup> Eggs produced during year divided by average layers on hand during year.